GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
LOK SABHA

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PRIVATISATION OF PORTS
GUNIPATI RAMAIAH

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to disinvest/corporatise/privatise all the major ports in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the private companies/Corporations which have associated themselves with each of these ports;

(d) the total amount generated by the corporatisation/privatisation of these ports;

(e) whether the amount so generated has been gainfully utilized;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI SU. THIRUNAVUKKARASAR)

(a) to (c): There are 12 major ports in the country out of which 11 are autonomous bodies governed by the provisions of Major Port Trusts, Act, 1963. The 12th major port at Ennore has been set up as a corporate entity under the Companies Act, 1956.Government has decided to corporatize these 11 major port trusts in a phased manner. For this purpose, the Major Port Trusts(Amendment) Bill, 2001, which has an enabling provision for corporatisation of Major Port Trusts,has been introduced in the Parliament on 31/8/2001. The Major Port Trusts (Amendment) Bill, 2001 stands referred to the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Transport and Tourism for examination and report. At present there is no proposal for disinvestment in major ports.

(d) to (g): Do not arise.